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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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BANKS.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

At the same Moderate Charges.

Hongkong, June 9, 1885. 957

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3: Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 15 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank as marked on Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 7, 1885. 754

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-IN CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000

RESERVE FUND.....\$4,500,000

RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION OF DIVIDENDS.....\$3,500,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-  
TECTOR.....\$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:

Chairman—H. F. D. SASSOON, Esq.

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Hongkong,....THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

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LONDON BANKERS:—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED:

No Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

6 " 4 " " "

12 " 5 " " "

18 " 6 " " "

Local Branches DISCOUNTED:

Credits granted on approved Securities and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial place in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 24, 1885. 1449

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000

Paid-up.....\$500,000

REGISTERED OFFICE:

40, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:

In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE Bank RECEIVES Money on Deposit,

buys and sells Bills of Exchange,

issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills of Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION PURCHASED ON ADVANTAGEOUS TERMS:

H. A. HEBBERT,  
Manager.

Hongkong Branch.

Hongkong, July 4, 1885. 1128

NOTICE:

The Undersigned have been nominated by Special Appointment COMMERCIAL AGENTS for the FOREIGN BUSINESS of His EXCELLENCY the VICEROY OF CHINAH.

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, August 11, 1885. 1373

## Notices of Firms.

### NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF MR. SIMEON ABRAHAM NATHAN in our firm in Hongkong and China, has ceased from this date.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.

Shanghai, 29th October, 1885. 1927

### Intimations.

GRIFFITH'S NEW VIEWS OF HONGKONG ARE NOW READY,  
1, DUDDELL STREET.

GRIFFITH & CO.,  
MANUFACTURERS  
OF THE LONDON PLATED WATERS,  
1, DUDDELL STREET,  
Continue to Supply:

SODA WATER, LEMONADE, GINGERADE, RASPBERRY, &c., &c., &c., &c.

At the same Moderate Charges.

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1. CHAS. J. GAUP & CO., Chromometers, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

VOYAGER'S CELEBRATED BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES.

ETCETERA'S LIQUID AND OTHER COMPASSES, ADMIRALTY & IMRAY CHARTS, NAUTICAL BOOKS.

ENGLISH & ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE, GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY, in great variety.

D. I. MOND & CO., DIAMOND JEWELLERY, A Splendid Collection of the Latest London PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

Hongkong, October 1, 1885. 754

SHIPMasters and ENGINEERS are respectively informed that, upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at the Head Office, No. 13, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Under-signed is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1458

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.  
MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG, Surgeon Dentist, (FORMERLY ARTICLES ATTACHED AND LATENT ASSISTANT TO DR. ROBERTS.)

AT THE urgent request of his European friends and acquaintances and friends, has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occupied by DR. ROBERTS, NO. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to missionaries and families.

2, DUDDELL STREET.

(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

Hongkong, January 12, 1886. 66

The Overland China Mail,

A WEEKLY JOURNAL.

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## Business Notices.

### LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

### KID GLOVES

FOR MORNING WEAR.

### KID GLOVES

FOR EVENING WEAR.

### KID GLOVES

FRENCH AND ENGLISH MADE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, November 5, 1885. 1924

W. POWELL & Co.

RESPECTFULLY CALL ATTENTION TO THEIR LARGE & VARIED STOCK

OF WINTER HOSIERY AND GLOVES—

Ladies' and Children's Knickerbocker Hose.

Coloured and Coloured Merino Hose.

Coloured and Black Silk Hose.

Satin, Merino and Cashmere Veins.

Combination Garments.

Wool Fingertips with bodices.

Jersey Suits.

Gentlemen's Cotton, Merino, Cashmere and Scotch Knit Hose and Half-Hose.

Merino Veins and Drawers.

Mittens, Gloves, Mittens and Gloves.

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**MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.**  
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,  
QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL,  
ARE NOW LANDING  
DEVON'S NONPAREIL KEROSINE  
OIL.

HITCHCOOK MECHANICAL  
NO CHIMNEY  
LAMP.

**STUDENT'S LAMP.**

FAIRBANK'S SCALES.

**MACKENZIE & MACKENZIE'S  
BISCUITS.**

**NEW SEASON'S TEA,**  
in 5 or 10 Catty Boxes.

**YELLOW GOSHEW BUTTER,**  
in 5 or 10 lbs Tins.

**Condensed MILK.**  
CALIFORNIA PRODUCTS.  
COOKING STOVES.

AGATE IRON WARE.

Milner's FIRE PROOF SAFES.

Do. CASH AND PAPER

BOXES.

**ALLEN & GENTER'S  
TOBACCO AND CIGARETTES.**

BEER AND PORTER

in  
Hogsheads.

THE USUAL ASSORTMENT

**OILMAN'S STORES,**  
AND  
**WINES,**

at the lowest possible prices

FOR O A S H.

**MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.**  
Hongkong, September 2, 1885. 1519

## TO LET.

**A** T NO. 55, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.—  
4 ROOMS en suite . . . . \$40 per month.

3 " " . . . . . 25 "

1 SINGLE ROOM . . . . . 10 "

Unfurnished, with Cooking, Servants and Bedding accommodation.

Also,

A DRY GODOWN on the same premises.

Apply to

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,

Victoria Exchange.

Hongkong, November 9, 1885. 1519

WANTED.

FOR SALE.

NOW ON SALE.

**A CHINESE DICTIONARY  
IN THE  
CANTONESE DIALECT,**  
BY  
DR. E. J. ETTEL

CROWN OCTAVO, pp. 1018.

HONGKONG, 1877-1883.

Part I. A-K. . . . . \$2.50

Part II. K-M. . . . . \$2.50

Part III. M-T. . . . . \$3.00

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A Reduction of ten per cent will be allowed to purchasers of Ten or more copies.

This Standard Work on the Chinese Language, constructed on the basis of Kangshui's Imperial Dictionary, contains all Chinese characters in practical use, and while alphabetically arranged according to the sounds of the oldest dialect of China, the Cantonese, it gives also the Mandarin pronunciation of all characters explained in the book, so that its usefulness is by no means confined to the Cantonese Dialect, but the work is a practically complete Thesaurus of the whole Written Language of China, ancient and modern, as used all over the Empire, whilst its introductory chapters serve the purpose of a philological guide to the student.

A Supplement, arranged for being bound and used by itself, and containing a List of the Radicals, an Index, and a List of Surnames, will be published and sold separately.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, January 15, 1883. 151

WASHING BOOKS.

(In English and Chinese.)

WASHING BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, can now be had at this Office.—Price, \$1 each.

China Mart Office.

WINTER TIME TABLE.

THE KOWLOON FERRY.

STEAM LAUNCH

MORNING STAR.

Runs DAILY.—A FEW BOATS between Podiar's Wharf and Tsin-Tau at the following hours.—This Time Table will take effect from the 20th October, 1885.

WEEK DAYS. SUNDAYS.

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## THE CHINA MAIL.

TELEGRAMS.  
(Via Southern Line)

## THIS EASTERN QUESTION.

London, 9th November.

The endeavours of the German Ambassador to Turkey to reconcile the views of England and Russia, strengthen the hopes of a peaceful settlement of the Bulgarian-Roumanian question.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

## PASSED SUZU CANAL.

OUTWARD BOUND.—Cachemire, Sept. 22; France, Sept. 28; Bordeaux, Oct. 2; Algiers, Oct. 8; Périgueux, Oct. 10; Antwerp, Drachetzel, October 16; Bengal, Stavore, Oct. 20; Madras, Cudie, Glenlyon, and Tilen, Oct. 23; Glenlyon, Prian, Oct. 27; Iringad, Oct. 31; Oxfordshire, Hester, Nov. 3; Home-Water Brig., Bader, Sept. 15; Leadenhull, Oct. 9; Esse Valley, Lorne, Oct. 10; Mortenholme, Oct. 10; Stridham, Ulysses, Oct. 27; Apper, Cawdor, Ardchies, Glenlyon, Oct. 30; Duthie, Nov. 6.

The next AMERICAN Mail, per the O. & O. steamer Oceanic, left Yokohama for this port on Sunday, the 8th inst., at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Saturday, the 14th inst.

The next FRENCH Mail, per the M. M. O., steamer Mothorine, will leave Singapore for Saigon and this port on Saturday, the 7th instant, at 10 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 15th inst.

The Shira Liner steamer Denbighshire, from Hamburg, Antwerp and London, left Singapore for this port on the 3rd inst., and may be expected here on or about the 10th inst.

The S. S. Co.'s steamer Ajax, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 4th inst., and is due here on the 10th inst. The steamer Gleamore, from London, left Singapore for this port on the 5th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 11th inst.

The E. & A. Steamship Co.'s steamer Turnado, left Sydenay for this port on the 24th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 21st inst.

CAPTAIN J. Farrow, for several years commander of the Chinese Imperial cruiser Langfeng, left here to-day in the Hydrope, on a twelve months' leave of absence.

Tenders for repairing the hull, machinery and fittings of the Glenfruin, separately, are invited. An advertisement calling for tenders will be found in another column.

FOLLOWING the lead of Hongkong, Singapore is preparing a model of the Tanjung Pagar Dock premises, to illustrate the shipping facilities of the Colony, for the Indian and Colonial Exhibition.

The Dragon riot case, which was remanded on Saturday last by Mr Mackean until this morning, has been further remanded till Thursday next, as Mr Wotton, the solicitor for the defence, was otherwise engaged.

CAPTAIN Hippisley, R.N., lately in command of H. B. M.'s corvette Cleopatra, having been invalided home, left here to-day in the P. & O. Co.'s steamer Hydrope. Captain Hippisley has been well known for many years on this Station, and was very popular.

We hear that the owners of the steamer Camorta, the Netherlands India Steam Navigation Co., have now filed a counter claim for \$70,000, against the Glenfruin, as damages for injuries sustained by the Camorta in the collision on the 17th ultimo.

Monsieur Maure, the celebrated violinist, and his company, left here to-day for Haiphong, by the S. S. Ormader. M. Maure has come to the conclusion that owing to various festive events there is not a good opportunity offered for a concert in Hongkong at present, but intends after giving a few performances in Tonquin to return here in two or three weeks.

If exchange gets much lower, (says the Singapore Free Press), a good number of people who have to remit money to England will have to put up their shutters. A not very well-paid official showed us the other day that the difference between his nominal pay here and his actual pay in English money, was close on £200 a year. This is hardly encouraging.

The following is the Order of the Day for to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council:—

1. The Council to go into Committee on the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 8 of 1880.
2. Second reading of the Bill entitled The Municipal Rates Ordinance, 1885.
3. Third reading of the Bill entitled The Prison Ordinance, 1885.

We hear that a rifle match is likely to be arranged shortly between a team from the Police Force of Hongkong and one from the new Regiment. The local team will have to look out for their laurels, as we hear that the old 58th were recognised as the best shooting corps at the Cape a year or so ago: a station where shooting counts for something and is much encouraged.

There is reason to believe that the American mail will in future be carried by the steamers of the Occidental and Oriental Co., only, but there is not the slightest truth in the rumour that the steamers of the rival company, the Pacific mail, are on the account to be withdrawn from the line. The O. & O. steamers are now the San Pablo (now in port), the Oceanic, bringing on the next mail, the new Goo'd and the new Edgo, the latter of these two being now on her way from Australia to San Francisco.

The Trades Union Congress which has been sitting in Sydney lately has affirmed a proposal to abolish State-aided emigration, and it has also carried a motion in favour of repressive measures being taken with regard to labour. It is not likely, however, that these resolutions will bear much practical fruit for many years to come. So long as Great Britain and some of the other European countries continue to multiply in the prolific manner they do at present, and there are advantageous fields open for emigration, so long will State-aid be given;

their rents, the latter being found on enquiry to be estimated lower than the amounts actually received.

A CORRESPONDENT informs the Straits Times that an attempt of a very serious nature to murder or injure a Government official in Malacca was happily averted by the presence of mind displayed by the official himself. It appears that on the 28th ultimo he and his family returned home from a visit to a friend at 10 o'clock p.m., when he retired to his room. Just as he was about falling asleep, he observed near the window which was left open, and close to the head of the cot in which he slept, a light accompanied with a smell of gunpowder. He at once got up and found that the light proceeded from a fuse connected with a packet of gunpowder which had five pounds in weight, which was attached to a stick by means of which the explosive material had been placed under the cot. The fuse was partially extinguished and a small fire made for the person or persons who had attempted this dastardly outrage, but no trace of them could be found. Mr Inspector Timmins has the case in hand, and it is to be hoped that this intelligent officer will bring the villain to book.

The proposed bachelor tax in Victoria has been the means of eliciting some interesting information in respect to this class of mammal. Last year it seems there were 54,017 unmarried men between the ages of 25 and 50 years, as against 46,226 in 1881. This shows that the pro rata increase has not been excessive; but those between 25 and 30 have increased over 40 per cent in three years, and between 31 and 35 there is also a decided increase. This is remarkable, and whose fault is it? After the age of 35 it is all the other way, and between the ages of 45 and 50 there were 50,000 bachelors less last year than in 1881. Is it that girls are becoming more expensive luxuries than they were, and a man must make his pile before he dares risk matrimony? Or is it that as the men grow older they begin to find it more necessary to have somebody to fetch their slippers and mend their garments? Or is it that our young men are wanting in balls, and the girls prefer to wait till they have matured? To make these returns complete there should be similar ones about the other sex; but then there's always a difficulty about a lady's age.

The two seamen who were arrested on a charge of being concerned with two others not in custody in robbing Captain Batchelder, of the American ship Highlander, of a gold watch worth \$85, at Kowloon, on the 15th October last, were brought up before Mr Mackean yesterday on remand and sentenced to six months' hard labour each.

Captain Batchelder was walking from the Cosmopolitan Dock to Hung-ham on the 5th Oct., when he found himself followed by four Chinamen one of whom eventually approached him and snatched his watch and chain, and then ran away, the other men accompanying the thief. Finding it impossible to overtake the thief, Captain Batchelder went and reported the affair at Yau-ma-ti Police Station. Eventually the watch was recovered from a pawn-shop in Kowloon City and the two prisoners arrested on the 24th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 21st inst.

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If exchange gets much lower, (says the Singapore Free Press), a good number of people who have to remit money to England will have to put up their shutters. A not very well-paid official showed us the other day that the difference between his nominal pay here and his actual pay in English money, was close on £200 a year. This is hardly encouraging.

The following is the Order of the Day for to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council:—

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their rents, the latter being found on enquiry to be estimated lower than the amounts actually received.

A CORRESPONDENT informs the Straits Times that an attempt of a very serious nature to murder or injure a Government official in Malacca was happily averted by the presence of mind displayed by the official himself. It appears that on the 28th ultimo he and his family returned home from a visit to a friend at 10 o'clock p.m., when he retired to his room. Just as he was about falling asleep, he observed near the window which was left open, and close to the head of the cot in which he slept, a light accompanied with a smell of gunpowder.

He at once got up and found that the light proceeded from a fuse connected with a packet of gunpowder which had five pounds in weight, which was attached to a stick by means of which the explosive material had been placed under the cot. The fuse was partially extinguished and a small fire made for the person or persons who had attempted this dastardly outrage, but no trace of them could be found. Mr Inspector Timmins has the case in hand, and it is to be hoped that this intelligent officer will bring the villain to book.

The proposed bachelor tax in Victoria has been the means of eliciting some interesting information in respect to this class of mammal. Last year it seems there were 54,017 unmarried men between the ages of 25 and 50 years, as against 46,226 in 1881. This shows that the pro rata increase has not been excessive; but those between 25 and 30 have increased over 40 per cent in three years, and between 31 and 35 there is also a decided increase. This is remarkable, and whose fault is it? After the age of 35 it is all the other way, and between the ages of 45 and 50 there were 50,000 bachelors less last year than in 1881. Is it that girls are becoming more expensive luxuries than they were, and a man must make his pile before he dares risk matrimony? Or is it that as the men grow older they begin to find it more necessary to have somebody to fetch their slippers and mend their garments? Or is it that our young men are wanting in balls, and the girls prefer to wait till they have matured? To make these returns complete there should be similar ones about the other sex; but then there's always a difficulty about a lady's age.

THE WAY TO PROHIBIT OPIUM.  
(Translated for the China Mail.)

The Shek Foo of the 24th October publishes a contribution to the opium controversy, of which the gist is as follows:—The severity of the original prohibition of opium-smoking was gradually relaxed till the drug was recognized as a dutiable article. From that date the number of smokers and the harm wrought have increased, to the deep sorrow of reformers, who have tried in every possible way to devise a sure plan to check the evil. Thus Chang Chih-tung, when Governor of Shansi, forbade the cultivation of the poppy. For the people of that once fertile province had for the sake of gain abandoned cereals in favour of the poppy, which it resulted that the first bad year found them without any store to fall back on, and a terrible famine ensued. Two Taung-tang suggested the increase of the duty, not once but many times over, and this idea was adopted in time. The Chinese government of the day, however, to check the habit by raising the price of the drug, gradually reduced the number of smokers. The Marquis Tseng's Convention makes the total duty Ths. 110—about the same amount as the duty and leikin proposed by the Board of Revenue. Though devised to raise war-funds, this measure would, it was supposed, by raising the price of the drug, gradually reduce the number of smokers.

Upon the launch bearing Admiral Dowell and his party leaving H.M.S. Audacious, the yards of the flagship and the Daring were manned, and as the launch left the ship's side salutes of seventeen guns were fired from the shore battery, the Audacious, the Agamemnon, and the Victor Emmanuel, while a little later on, as the launch passed down the harbour, the yards of the French cruiser Primauguet and the gunboat Viper were manned and three ringing cheers were given from the crews for the departing Admiral, and a salute was fired from the Primauguet. No cheer issued from the British ships of war, owing, we understand, to a very ridiculous order of the Admiralty to that effect. Admiral Dowell was accompanied by his secretary, Mr. W. J. Row, R. N.

The Secretary of State has approved of the vote for the creation of a state to Sir Stamford Raffles in Singapore, and has asked Sir Frederick Weld to carry it out.

Mr. Marriott, Captain of the Nottingham Trocadero Club, has just completed an extraordinary ride on a Hummer tricycle. He left the Land's End Hotel, Cornwall, on Monday morning, the 21st ult., and reached John's Cross's House, Caithness, Scotland, in six days, fifteen hours, twenty-five minutes, after being delayed ten hours by a snow storm in the Highlands. The distance was 950 miles, and the performance entirely eclipses all previous rides taken on either tricycles or bicycles between these two points.

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Police Intelligence.  
(Before E. Mackean, Esq.)  
Tuesday, Nov. 10.

LARCENY.  
Kung Acheng, coolie, admitted a charge of stealing a piece of lead which was in charge of a watchman named Jan Khan on the 9th inst. The defendant also pleaded guilty to previous conviction and was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

A CRUEL THIEF.  
Li Akwei, coolie, and Luk Ahoi, a hawkers, were charged with stealing a waist-coat value \$2, from Li Anui, a widow, on the 9th inst.

Complainant gets her living as a domestic woman repairing clothing. Yesterday she was sitting at work in the Queen's Road, when the two defendants came up. The second asked her to saw a button-hole for him; and as she was bargaining with him about the charge, six cash, the first defendant seized a waist-coat from her basket and ran away with it.

The second defendant also attempted to run, but complainant seized him and told him that he was a friend of the first defendant he must get back the jacket. The first defendant was stopped and arrested.

THE EXTREMIST PARTY.  
The Extremist party is urging the Orange Priests to give a public expression of their policy.

THE NEW SOUTH WALES LOAN.  
The New South Wales loan, which was floated on Wednesday, is now quoted at a premium of 1 per cent.

THE COLONIES AND GREAT BRITAIN.

London, October 11.—The Earl of Derby, addressing a meeting at Blackburn last night, expressed doubts as to whether the colonies cared very strongly for the establishment of closer relations with Great Britain.

OCT. 12.—Lord Randolph Churchill, in a manifesto issued at Birmingham, urges the forming of a practical federation of the Empire for purposes of commerce and defence.

REDUCTION OF AUSTRALIAN FREIGHTS.

The Australian freight ring has reduced the outward rate by sailing vessels by 7s. per ton.

GERMANY'S CLAIMS TO THE FELWY AND CAROLINE ISLANDS.

Germany is reiterating its claims to the Pelew and Caroline Islands.

THE CHINESE IN ENGLAND.

London, October 14.—A reply, couched

in the most insulting and arrogant terms,

was just received from King Thibout,

of Burma, in answer to a proposal made by the British Government to act as arbitrator in a dispute between the Bombay and Burmah Trading Company and himself.

In consequence of this, Mr. Charles Bernard, Chief Commissioner of British Burma, has formally asked the Indian Government for 8000 troops before issuing an ultimatum to King Theebus.

CASE AGAINST PERTHSHIRE.

London, October 14.—The Marquis of Lansdowne, Governor-General of Canada, has stated that the fiscal interests of the Dominion are incompatible with the federation of the Empire, and England is in favour of maintaining its existing relations with Canada being maintained.

THE BRITISH-INDIA CO.'S LINE TO AUSTRALIA.

Sydney, October 14.—A special conference of the Federated Seamen's Union is being held to discuss a matter of importance in connection with the action of the British-India Company in having started a line of steamers, running from Calcutta to Adelaide, calling at Thursday Island, Brisbane, Sydney, and

# THE CHINA MAIL.

[No. 6954.—NOVEMBER 10, 1885.]

## THE ANNEXATION OF THE CAROLINE ISLANDS.

Goups, Western Carolines, Sep. 6.  
The tide of annexation rolling westward and northward has at length reached us here, in our isolated and peaceful home. Whether the change from our original simplicity to a patriarchal form of native government, or incorporation as a unit of the great Tontonic confederation will prove as a salutary step, Father Time will, doubtless, relate the sequel. In the meantime, it is neither my office to mournfully regret the 'happy golden age' now past, nor to look into the vista of the future, but to tell as concisely as possible the immediate events of our island history prior and subsequent to annexation.

Though far removed from 'the busy haunts of men,' we had still an inkling of what was progressing in the great outer world, and we were not without warning of some such fate as that which has now overtaken us, the only radical factor of difference being that our new masters are those whom foregoing events had pointed out as likely to assume sovereignty over our island homes. Retracing our steps a few months we are in the Idea of the world, at which historical period we were visited by the Spanish Ambassador, Valenzuela, accompanied only by his agents for value, &c. The Ambassador and officers were kind, good hearted fellows, and while not divulging their mission, hinted that a speedy connection between the Carolines and the dominion over which Alfonso XIII. rules, would follow their return to Manila.

Months had elapsed since the visit of the Valenzuela, and nothing had occurred to ruffle the placid stillness of our existence until the afternoon of the 20th ultimo, when 'Sail ho' was the cry, and soon a stately ship, the San Quintin, 2000 tons burthen, flying the Imperial Spanish flag, was in a snug berth in our safe and commodious haven. Next morning she was joined by the transports Carriedo, and very speedily it transpired that Goups and the Carolines group were in a few days to be received at one time, and with one baptism, into the embrace of the Spanish Government. To facilitate the spiritual portion of the annexation scheme, two reverend fathers accompanied the Ambassador, Valenzuela, but subsequently even proved themselves servants of the Pope of Christendom from exercising their vocation, and these of us who were bound under an accumulation of guilt, lost a noble chance of salvation for the past, and promised indulgence for the future. But I digress. The Spanish authorities evidently meant business, and by the 22nd ultimo a site for their future town had been selected, material and stores landed, and everything going merrily as a marriage-bell!

The best laid schemes o' mice and men Gang aft agley.  
On the afternoon of the 25th ultimo (henceforth a red-letter day in our calendar) a vessel was observed approaching our coast under all sail and steam, and every glass on board the Spaniards, as well as on shore, was turned seawards to try and distinguish the colours of the rapidly approaching stranger, who from her trim and taut rig was evidently a fighting craft. Soon speculation was at rest, the Imperial German colours standing out boldly to the breeze as the pilot boat moved and brought the new-comer to the anchorage.

And now my pen must travel as quickly as the events which followed by H. L. G. M. gunboat *Lia* getting her anchored full fore and aft, the adhesive mud bottom of one of the arms of the R. Haven. German mercantile interests have long been predominant in the Caroline and Marshall groups and it was not likely that the flying visit of the *Vilas*, in March last, passed unnoticed. Berlin was soon on the warpath to save German trade in these islands from extinction. But the pressing questions of the moment for Lieutenant-Commander Hofmeier, of the *Lia*, were: 'Are we in time? Has annexation been declared?' Had the Spanish flag been hoisted? Right glad was the writer with others, to answer that, by some strange oversight on the part of the Spaniards, those very material and important points embodied in the commander's two latter queries had been neglected by the representatives of Spain; and as striking the iron while it is hot is an adage equally well understood by Germans as by English, no time was lost to begin the wounding process.

Preparations for landing were at once made on board the *Lia*; the captain's gig and first cutter, with an armed party, bearing an Imperial standard, forming the *de* *l'île*. Proceeding quietly, so that the suspicions of the Spaniards would not be raised, the shore was soon reached, and the formalities for annexing the Carolines to the German Empire were speedily gone through. Ere the rosy flush imparted by old Sol's fading beams to the fair cheeks of our western sky had died away, the annexation of the Caroline and Palau groups was *au fait accomplish*; and the first evening stars looked calmly down on the Imperial German standard floating over Goups, there to remain. I hope, for many long years, bringing in its train peace and prosperity alike to the native and foreign residents of those sunny Pacific isles.

On the morning of the 26th all the principal chiefs of the island assembled on board the *Lia*, where quite an imposing ceremony took place. The annexation proclamation having been translated, it was carefully explained to the assembled chiefs, who with one accord signified their gratification at the German flag being hoisted over Goups. Consular Invoices to accompany cargo destined to port beyond San Francisco should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central. C. D. HARTRAN, Acting Agent. Hongkong, November 4, 1885. 1914

## Mails.

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**SAN PABLO** will be despatched, for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on SATURDAY, the 14th November, at 3 p.m. To be followed by the S.S. *OCEANIC*, on THURSDAY, 26th November, at 3 p.m.

Connection being made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan.

Return Passage—Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within six months, will be allowed a discount of 20% from Return Fare; if re-embarking within one year, an allowance of 10% will be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return Passage Orders, available for one year, will be issued at a Discount of 25% from Return Fare. These allowances do not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.

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HONGKONG, January 4, 1867. 100

## Insurances.

### NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are authorized to insure against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 14

THE STRAITS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to grant Policies on MARINE RISKS to all parts of the World, at current rates.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co. Hongkong, November 5, 1883. 855

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HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, July 26, 1872. 496

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THE Undersigned are prepared to grant POLICIES against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, or Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

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If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

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## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

*Inclusus of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.*

*Vessel's Name. Captain. Flag and Rig. Tons. Date of Arrival. Consignee or Agent. Destination. Remarks.*

*Steamers*

*Arrived Nov. 10. 1885.*

*Arnhold, Karberg & Co. Haiphong*

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*Bellona, David Sonnen, Sons & Co. Colombo*

*Caroneta, Orelli, 15th inst. Macao*

*Caribrooke, 15th inst. Saigon*

*Chesa, 1st Order, 1886. Klook Dock*

*China, 1886. Saigon*

*Clarendon, 1886. Hongkong*

*Cousins Arrib, 1886. Singapore*

*Compton, 1886. To-morrow*

*Coumota, 1886. 18th inst. Shanghai*

*Caribrooke, 1886. Yangtze*

*China, 1886. Saigon*

*Compton, 1886. Hongkong*

*Corinto, 1886. Saigon*

*Dickie, 1886. Saigon*

*Don Juan, 1886. Amoy*

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